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DEATH OF W. L. MELCHER

Was Man of Affairs in His
Home Town, Laconia,
New Hampshire

Was Treasurer of Sequatchie
Valley Coal & Iron Co.,
the Company Which
Founded Sequachee

Woodbury L. Melcher, treasurer of the old Sequachee Valley Coal & Iron Co., the corporation which put Sequachee on the map, died at his home in Laconia, N. H., Wednesday, Sept. 10.

He was the last official of the company, now dissolved and passed away, to cross the river.

At the time of his death Mr. Melcher was trustee for the Sequachee town property, formerly property of the Sequachee Town & Improvement Co.

Mr. Melcher, for a number of years, spent the winters here in company with his wife, but after her death and thru his declining years, spent practically all his time in his Laconia home with his daughter, Miss Mary M. Melcher.

He was a man of affairs, tho very cautious in entering a new business venture. He was a great friend to education, and only by a mysterious turn of providence was prevented from locating a great school in Sequachee, using the hotel building recently dismantled as a nucleus. He and the late Thomas H. Hill, secretary of the company, were en route to Memphis to close a deal for the location of a school here with the principal of the Christian Bros. School in that city, when they were turned back by the sad intelligence that the gentleman had been scalded to death.

That he was a man of affairs is evidenced from the following from the Laconia Democrat, his home paper:

"Woodbury L. Melcher, a life-long resident of this community and a man who has been prominent in its public affairs for many years, died at his residence on Main street in the early hours of Wednesday morning. He had been in failing health for a long time.

Mr. Melcher was born Oct. 7, 1832, in the old house on Main next below the "old corner store," and always resided within a stone's throw of his birthplace.

He was fitted for college at old Gifford academy and graduated from Bowdoin in 1856. He taught school for a time and was principal of Gifford academy for two years and then read law with the late Judge E. A. Hibbard, being admitted to the bar in 1862. In 1864 he was elected treasurer of the Laconia Savings bank, a position which he held for twenty-one years, resigning to engage in the insurance business. He was the founder of the Melcher & Prescott Agency, one of the largest insurance agencies in the state.

Mr. Melcher was one of the men who was active in establishing our Laconia street railway, our Laconia water works, and our Laconia hospital, and was prominent in the management of these enterprises for many years.

He was president of the board of education for many years, always taking deep interest in educational matters. He was elect-

ed Mayor of Laconia in 1903 and served two terms.

Mr. Melcher was always a republican and a leader in his party's councils. He was an attendant at the Unitarian church and active in the affairs of that society.

He was a member of all the Masonic bodies including the Knights Templar and the Order of Eastern Star, and at the time of his death was the oldest Past Worshipful Master of Mt. Lebanon lodge. His last public appearance was at the exercises in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Mt. Lebanon lodge in June.

Mr. Melcher is survived by two daughters: Mrs. J. Fred Beede, of Meredith, and Miss Mary M. Melcher, who has cared for her father during his declining years; also two grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Butler, of Merrimacport, Mass.

The funeral services will be held at the home, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BIG TIMES AT TRI-STATE FAIR

Reports from Chattanooga indicate that the inter-state fair which opens in that city one week from next Monday will be well worth the time of anyone interested in education and agricultural development.

The Chattanooga fair this year is one a part with the largest agricultural and live stock exhibitions of the nation, and some unusual exhibits along these lines are promised.

The Million-Dollar live stock show will, of course, be of principal interest, and second to it will be the magnificent milk demonstration put on by the United States government under the direction of Miss Madge Reese, the eminent dairy expert.

All of the other departments which have been of such unusual interest in the past will be repeated, while the entertainment features are the most elaborate ever presented in this section of the south.

The Racing is attracting unusual interest this year because of the very large entries which have been received, the Chattanooga fair having as many entries as any in the south, even though some of the southern fairs are on the grand circuit. There will be four days of the races, thereby guaranteeing at least nine or more exciting events every afternoon.

"Victory at St. Mihiel", the \$25,000 pyrotechnic spectacle, will be of great interest, especially to every man who has been in the service, as it will be a vivid reminder of his experiences on the other side.

Fourteen of the greatest vaudeville acts in America acts in America will furnish free acts before the grandstand while the World at Home will entertain the pleasure seekers on the midway.

There is no extra charge for grandstand seats during the afternoon, and the admission to the grounds will be the same as in former years, fifty cents, and with out war tax being added, so everyone may go to Chattanooga knowing that they are going to get more than their money's worth with a mighty good time while they are getting it.

Miss Alice Pickett, R. 1, Whitwell, subscribes for the News for six months.

Fallish weather has set householders to studying coal problem.



On Their Way to the Chattanooga Inter-State Fair

SEQUACHEE VALLEY BUS LINE

New Enterprise to be Started by
Orville Rhea, of Chattanooga.

Orville Rhea, of Chattanooga, inaugurated Monday the Sequachee Valley Bus Line. He has a trial car here of the jitney bus order, capable of carrying from twelve to twenty passengers, and went over the route from Bridgeport to Whitwell Thursday so as to form a regular schedule. He has other cars of the same design in a shop in Chattanooga in process of construction after own ideas in car building, being composed of an assemblage of good things from other cars. He has a double expanding and contracting brake system, and has a very attractive, commodious and safe conveyance. A Ford engine delivers the power. He expects to have three or four cars on the route at one time, thus giving splendid service.

Miss Stella Carlton, Whitwell, has her subscription renewed for six months.

FAIR VISITORS by Frank Wing



MY NAME'S PETE. They call me Peter Piper the Third in th' sheep books, but none of that tony stuff for me. I'm nothin' but Pete, plain Pete. I'm tough, I am, an' the sooner you get that in your bonnet th' sooner you'll get th' right slant on your Uncle Dudley. I may be little but I can out-but any fresh young ram

FAMILY REUNION

Pickle Family Gather Together
at Rising Fawn, Ga.

Rising Fawn, Ga., Sept. 22.—A reunion of the Pickle family was held at Rising Fawn, Ga., last week, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pickle. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Selman, Mrs. Mattie B. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pickle, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Espy, Mrs. Alice Gilbert, A. J. Glazner, Will Horton, of Gadsden, Ala., Miss Maggie Selman, of Rome, Ga., Miss Emma Pickle, Miss Bess Pickle and Miss Agnes Hensley, of Chattanooga, Miss Martha Gilbert, Laurence Gilbert and Lee Espy.

Ice Cream Supper.

An ice cream supper was given Saturday night in the grove opposite the Curtis residence in aid of the fund being raised for Owen Church. Ten gallons of cream were sold and the gross proceeds were about \$28. The pleasure of the evening was marred by the appearance of a drunk and a pistol shooting, as there are some who seem to think that such an occasion is not complete without diversion of this kind.

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MARSHAL ON WARPATH

Motorists In Bridgeport Run up
Against City Regulations
Without Warning.

Bridgeport, Ala., Sept. 20.—City Marshal Williams is making it hot for automobilists, and this week has about every car owner in the city, besides many from out of town, into hot water over infringement of auto regulations—except a few who speeded up when accosted and made their getaway. Even the doctor was halted for not having a rear light burning or something else of like trivial nature, but when it was found out who he was the gates of justice were raised and he was allowed to pass on. One young man from So. Pittsburg, who has driven a car for years, and who is a very careful driver, was arrested for climbing the long, steep hill leading north from Bridgeport too fast, the marshal utilizing a tree as a place of concealment. It cost the youth \$10.50. Next time he will climb in low and stop the auto on the hill and give it a rest when it gets too hot, so as to save himself from getting hot when pulled. Several other \$10.50 fines were assessed on the same hill, the city limits going out to the Orme branch crossing and the hill commencing about there. A South Pittsburg electric light man parted with \$10.50 over the same point, ascending the grade too fast, and a South Pittsburg coon got soaked likewise when the marshal got him in town. An orphan boy who is making a living driving a truck was pulled also for speeding.

No intimation was made before hand that the marshal was going to work so strenuously on autoists, and the result will be that machine owners will avoid Bridgeport or else be mighty careful. They may run their machines into the town backwards, for two reasons, one not to run too fast and the other to be prepared to make a getaway in case something else was the

matter. They possibly also besides lighting all their lamps at sunset will stick a extra lanterns in front and rear, in case the other lights went out, and of course it would be in order to inspect the lights every half mile or so to see if everything was lovely.

At any rate it has caused a lot of dissatisfaction among auto owners, both from fines and annoyance, some of the reasons for arrest being alleged extremely trivial.

"I Spent \$1 on Rat-Snap and Saved the Price of a Hog."

James McGuire, famous Hog Raiser of New Jersey, says: "I advise every farmer troubled with rats to use RAT-SNAP. Tried everything to get rid of rats. Spent \$1 on RAT-SNAP. Figured that rats it killed saved the price of a hog." RAT-SNAP comes in cake form. No mixing with other food. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

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